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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: CARD ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AT HEADQUARTERS

1. As part of the ongoing buildings modernization programme and in order to enhance the security and safety at United Nations Headquarters, a card access control system will be installed at the perimeter of the grounds as well as at the garage entry points. This will be an expansion of the card access system which has been introduced in recent years on several floors within the Secretariat and the DC buildings.

2. The perimeter access systems, which incorporate the latest technology, necessitate the replacement of the current identification cards with proximity cards. Unlike a swipe card which has to be inserted into a reader, the proximity card will permit the unhindered passage through any checkpoint.

3. The site preparation work for the installation of proximity readers and mechanical access points has recently commenced. Changes in traffic patterns for vehicles entering and leaving the complex have been instituted with the help of barriers and traffic cones, while the construction areas at the various pedestrian entrances have been sealed off to keep persons off limits, except for authorized personnel.

4. The project will be completed during 1993 and additional information, especially concerning the issuance of the new identification cards, will be provided at a later stage.

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